Harlan County boys place seventh, girls 24th in 2A state track meet

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The Harlan County track team had outstanding performances on Saturday while competing in the KHSAA Track and Field State Championship

The Bears finished seventh overall, the highest finish any county team has ever achieved. The Lady Bears placed 24th.

"I'm so proud of these kids for their performances today. The weather they faced when we arrived at the complex and in the first half of the meet are about as bad as you can get," Harlan County track coach Ryan Vitatoe said. "We take every opportunity to practice in the elements throughout the season to prepare for days like today, but it was absolutely brutal early on. It was a good reminder about the toughness that track and field athletes have and that they compete as long as there's not thunder and lightning. I know it made it very difficult for our jumpers, but I never heard a single complaint, and that speaks to the mindset of this team. I'm very proud of all of them. It shows the culture that exists in this program, and it's something to be very proud of.

"I'm proud of the overall performance of both teams. The boys recording a top-ten finish is a huge accomplishment that's never happened in the history of Harlan County Schools. We were in the top four for most of the day and were in trophy contention until the last event of the day. That says a lot about this team and how good they are. Seventh place is an incredible finish, and I'm proud of them.'

To lead the Bears, Luke Kelly won the 100- and 200-meter dash, cementing his place as the second state champion in program history and setting a new school record in the 200-meter dash.

"What else can you say about the day that Luke had? He had such amazing moments, and he's worked so hard to make it a reality," Vitatoe said. "I'm so proud of him. He turned in a legendary performance today that proves Harlan County kids can be among the best the state has to offer if you're willing to work and sacrifice to make it happen."

Jayce Brown medaled in pole vault, placing second. "Jayce had a great day today. He's been ranked first or second all season long in the pole vault and in back-to-back years, it's come down to the last jump for a state championship," Vitatoe said. "To be a state runner up is a huge accomplishment, to do it in back-to-back seasons is amazing. He'll enter his senior season as one of the favorites for the state championship."

Elijah Moore, Kaden Boggs, Jacob Schwenke and

Caleb Schwenke were medalists, finishing seventh in the 4 x 800-meter relay.

"I thought both of our 4×800 teams ran well. We were a bit off of our normal times, but I think they competed hard," Vitatoe said. "I can't say enough about the leg that Caleb Schwenke ran, he truly left every bit of what he had out on the track. That's what a senior is supposed to do. Kaden, Elijah and Jacob all ran well. This was a special group of boys who were ranked inside the top two all season long. They ran some unbelievable times, and to wrap it up with a state medal is special."

Eli Nolan medaled in unified shot put, placing second with Brayden Clay. Nolan was also a medalist in the unified 2 x 50-meter relay, finishing fifth with

"I'm proud of Eli Nolan and his partners for their performances today," Vitatoe said. "Eli is bringing home two state medals, and I know he's proud. He did a great job this season."

Ethan Simpson was 20th in the 400-meter dash.

"Ethan Simpson had a great day today and I'm so thankful that we've had him in our program," Vitatoe said. "His leadership is invaluable. We will miss him terribly. He has set the example for the sprint crew and it will be felt long after he's gone."

Moore placed 13th in the 800-meter run.

"Elijah was a missing piece for us this year and a big reason for our team success. He's going to be highly decorated before his career ends," Vitatoe said.

Boggs finished 15th in the 1,600-meter run and 16th in the 3,200-meter run.

"I'm so proud of Kaden Boggs and how much he developed throughout his career. He's one of the best to ever do it at HCHS, and that's saying a lot," Vitatoe said. "I'll forever point to his work ethic and attitude as the example of how it should be done."

In the 110-meter hurdles, Drew Sergent was 19th. "I can't say enough about the season Drew Sergent

had. To be a first year hurdler, win the region and place inside the top 20 at the state meet is amazing." Vitatoe said. "He's going to be near the top by the time he's done."

Bradley Brock placed 17th in pole vault.

"I'm proud of Bradley Brock and his growth throughout the year," Vitatoe said. "He improved his PR in the pole vault by two feet this season. He did such a great job in all his events and he deserved to finish his career in Lexington."

Peyton Jackson was 18th in shot put.

"I'm very proud of Peyton Jackson. He's done such a great job for us and I thought he performed well," Vitatoe said. "The shot put had to be delayed due to

Harlan County's Addison Gray participated in the 2A state track meet on Friday in Lexington. Gray teamed with Jaylee Cochran, Jaycee Simpson and Aliyah Deleon to place 21st in the 4 x 200-meter relay event at the 2A state meet in Lexington. (Photo by Chrissie Brassfield)

the ring being underwater. It was a wild day."

Simpson, Kelly, Gage Bailey and Ray Splawn placed 19th in the 4 x 100-meter relay and 20th in the 4 x 200meter relay.

"The boys 4×100 and 4×200 also had a great day. Three of these guys are upperclassmen, and we can never just replace Luke, Ethan and Ray. I'm so proud of their work and development throughout the year and I'm glad they finished their careers on the big stage," Vitatoe said.

In the 4 x 400-meter relay, Bailey, Simpson, Moore and Jacob Schwenke finished 22nd.

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(2) The proposed amendment area is approximately 4.50 miles southeast from KY. 38's junction with KY. 179 and located in Mary Wynn Branch.

(3) The proposed amendment is located on the Louellen U.S.G.S. 7.5 minute quadrangle map. The surface area to be disturbed by the amendment is owned by ACIN, LLC. This application proposes to add surface area acreage.

(4) The amendment application has been filed for public inspection at the Division of Mine Reclamation and Enforcement's Middlesboro Regional Office, 1804 East Cumberland Avenue, Middlesboro, Kentucky 40965. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Mine Permits, 300 Sower Blvd, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

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